

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 FREETO 00321 191609Z

43

ACTION AF-06

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 INT-05 EB-07 COME-00 L-02 TRSE-00 /021 W

----- 096517

P 191529Z FEB 75

FM AMEMBASSY FREETOWN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 772

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE FREETOWN 0321

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EINV, EIND, EMIN, SL

SUBJECT: SIERRA RUTILE: IMPROVED OUTLOOK FOR GOSL-BETHSTEEL
NEGOTIATIONS

REF: A. FREETOWN 314 B. FREETOWN 122

1. FOLLOWING ENCOURAGING CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT STEVENS ON PROSPECTS FOR SATISFACTORY CONCLUSION GOSL-BETHSTEEL NEGOTIATIONS ON SIERRA RUTILE LTD (SRL) PROJECT (REF A), I MET FEB 18 WITH SRL RESIDENT VICE PRESIDENT DAVID FRASER. FRASER AGREED OUTLOOK RECENTLY MUCH IMPROVED AND HE NOW MUCH MORE OPTIMISTIC. FRASER SAID THERE HAS BEEN MARKED SHIFT IN ATTITUDE IN PAST TEN DAYS TO TWO WEEKS BY MINISTER MINES KAWUSU-KONTE AND SENIOR MINISTRY OFFICIALS TOWARD MORE FLEXIBLE POSITION ON KEY ISSUE OF GOVERNMENT PARTICIPATION.

2. FRASER SAID A DELEGATION FROM BETHSTEEL ARRIVING FREETOWN FEB 19. IN ABSENCE OF BOTH PRESIDENT (IN EUROPE) AND KAWUSU-KONTE (IN GAMBIA), FRASER DID NOT EXPECT RESOLUTION OF PARTICIPATION ISSUE DURING THIS VISIT BUT HOPED WAY COULD BE CLEARED FOR AGREEMENT DURING SUBSEQUENT BETHSTEEL VISIT IN MARCH.

3. I PLAN TO MEET WITH BETHSTEEL DELEGATION FEB 21 AT CLOSE OF THEIR VISIT TO ASSESS THEIR VIEWS ON OUTLOOK FOR NEGOTIATIONS.
SAMUELS

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: FOREIGN INVESTMENT, NEGOTIATIONS, VISITS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 19 FEB 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: buchant0
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975FREETO00321
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750059-0653
From: FREETOWN
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750233/aaaabczo.tel
Line Count: 51
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION AF
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 1
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 75 FREETOWN 314, 75 FREETOWN 122
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: buchant0
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 27 AUG 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <27 AUG 2003 by ShawDG>; APPROVED <16 DEC 2003 by buchant0>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
05 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: SIERRA RUTILE: IMPROVED OUTLOOK FOR GOSL-BETHSTEEL NEGOTIATIONS
TAGS: EINV, EIND, EMIN, SL, BETHLEHEM STEEL, (STEVENS, SIAKA P), (FRASER, DAVID)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006